

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 550

By Crider

A RESOLUTION to honor Nancy Keaton Tucker of Milan on being named Woman of the Year by the Milan Chamber of Commerce.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who, in their years of work and community service, have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm, earning the respect and admiration of their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Nancy Keaton Tucker of Milan is one such estimable person, a retired educator and community volunteer who was recently honored as "Woman of the Year" by the Milan Chamber of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order, Mrs. Tucker is renowned throughout her community as a competent, dependable, trustworthy, energetic, compassionate, level-headed, unselfish and truly genuine individual who never puts herself in the spotlight, but rather lives by the Golden Rule, setting an example of a virtuous Christian woman; and

WHEREAS, a native of Milan, Nancy Keaton Tucker graduated from Milan High School in 1952 and Bethel College in 1956. She began her teaching career in Tiptonville in 1958, with stops in Hohenwald and Dickson, before returning to Milan where she taught sixth and eighth grades until retiring in 1995 after 37 outstanding years in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, as a testament to her dedication to young people and education, Mrs. Tucker, who primarily taught Math, would, in her free time, help older students and adults who struggled with reading. Her tutoring helped many young people to achieve a level of success to which they could have never aspired without her efforts; and

WHEREAS, throughout the years, she has demonstrated a remarkable ability to motivate others to reach their potential, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of her students, her fellow teachers and her community; and

WHEREAS, reflecting her unwavering commitment to her community, Mrs. Nancy Tucker has participated in the Relay for Life, Muscular Dystrophy campaign, volunteered at the Mustard Seed, and visited nursing homes, regularly sending notes of encouragement to the sick and elderly; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Tucker is an Elder in the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, where she has been teaching Sunday school for fifty years and sings in the choir. She recently began a youth program to teach children about Christian faith; and

WHEREAS, devoted to her family, Nancy Keaton Tucker has been blessed with the love and companionship of her husband, John, a retired educator and coach; their four children, John, Jr., Sally Morris, Mike and Paul, and nine grandchildren have provided her much love and joy through the years; and

WHEREAS, in tribute to their mother, her children most eloquently wrote that: "Our mother taught us about humility. She did not need headlines to motivate her life. She placed others above herself and was a true servant. She always placed our needs above her own. Why else would she eat the neck and back of the fried chicken at Sunday lunch and enjoy it?"; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Tucker exemplifies the spirit of allegiance to community that is characteristic of a true Tennessean; her dedication to her church, her family, her community, and to the good people of the State of Tennessee is unparalleled; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and commend Nancy Keaton Tucker on her well demonstrated integrity, compassion, and generosity in a life of service to her community and on being named "Woman of the Year" by the Milan Chamber of Commerce.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

